(b) The post of Vice-Principal is being provided in the Vidyalayas which have reached Class-XII and have at least 350 students. The posts of Vice-Principal are to be filled up by promotion from amongst Post Graduate Teachers with 5 years of regular service in the grade in the Samiti, failing which by transfer on deputation basis.

(c) No promotion/appointment has been made to the post of Vice-Principal.

Conversion of Gandhidham-Bhuj and Veraval-Rajkot Section into broad gauge

2074. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the railway lines from Gandhidham to Bhuj and Veraval to Rajkot are likely to be converted into broad gauge;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in this regard; and

(c) what amount is likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) During the 9th Five Year Plan.

(b) Limited availability of resources.

(c) Rs. 100 crores on Rajkot-Veraval and Rs. 26.14 crores on Gandhidham-Bhuj section as per present costs.

वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम तथा राष्ट्रीय वन नीति में संशोधन

2075. श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल: क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने उद्योगों/गैर-उसरकारी संगठनों को वन-रोपण तथा अन्य कार्यों के लिए वन भूमि उपलब्ध कराने हेतु वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 तथा राष्ट्रीय वन नीति, 1988 में संशोधन करने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्रवाई की है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन जय नारायण प्रसाद निषाद): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Refunds in South-Central Railways

2076. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that refunds are not properly given by the South-Central Railways in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the reasons for inefficient operation the conerned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that letters are not replied to by the South-Central Railways to aggrieved passengers; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the system of refunds in Sounth-Central Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The present system is working satisfactorily.

Revival of Sick Chemical Plants

2077. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of chemical plants in the country have turned sick over the last three years;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to revive these units;

(c) if so, the details there of;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to privatise these units; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?